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In re Application of

Tooru ICHIKAWA

Group Art Unit: 3727

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Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

For: PACKAGING BAG AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicant's representatives on April 26, 2005, to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I, product claims 1-7 and Group II, method claims 8-21.

In response to that restriction requirement, applicant's undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on April 27, 2005 to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., product claims 1-7) in this application. Applicant's undersigned representative hereby

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confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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